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SUBJECT: ECE-COAL COMMITTEE: CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

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1. QUESTION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON ENERGY AGAIN RAISED IN COAL COMMITTEE SEPT. 21. AFTER NOTING REGIONAL AND GLOBAL NATURE OF ENERGY PROBLEMS AND INTERRELATIONSHIP OF VARIOUS ENERGY SOURCES IN TERMS OF ENERGY CCONOMY AND EFFICIENCY, SOVIET DEL SAID THIS WAS REASON USSR SAW NEED FOR ALL-EUROPEAN ENERGY CONGRESS. SOVIET STATEMENT SUPPORTED BY HUNGARY, POLAND AND CZECHOSLAVAKIA, WITH FORMER PROPOSING THAT COMMITTEE DISCUSS CONGRESS QUESTION. UK RESPONDED THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD STICK TO COAL, SINCE IT NOT COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS, WHILE FRG POINTED OUT ALONG LINES OF US STATEMENT DAY BEFORE THAT COAL COMMITTEE NOT APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR DISCUSSION OF CONGRESSES. UK AND FRG STATEMENTS SECONDED BY FRENCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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2. DRAFT FINAL REPORT AS PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT STATES THAT "WITH RESPECT TO DECISION B(XXXI) THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENERGY DIVISION DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PROPOSED CONGRESSES.... AFTER CLARIFICATION HAD BEEN SOUGHT AND GIVEN AS TO THE ROLE WHICH THE COAL COMMITTEE MIGHT USEFULLY PLAY AT THIS MOMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER COVERED BY DECISION B(XXXXI), THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD KEEP IN MIND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECISION WHEN CONSIDERING RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. THIS WAS SO AGREED." WE UNDERSTAND THAT EASTERN DELS WILL ATTEMPT TO EXPAND ON THIS LANGUAGE AND IF SO WILL BE PREPARED TO INSERT LANGUAGE SETTING FORTH OUR INTERPRETATION OF DECISION B(XXXXI) AS EXPRESSED IN COMMITTEE SESSION.CATTO

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